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Dorothy Height honored by Newark's National Council of Negro Women

By Michael T. Lyle, Jr.
City News Editor

For more than seven decades, Civil Rights Activist Dr. Dorothy Irene Height has fought tirelessly for the progression of human integrity and equality in American civilization. From marching against lynchings and racial injustice to helping younger women and minorities understand their role in a troubled society, her contributions stand further than any liberal leader that has stepped up and made the choice to make a difference.

Dr. Height's legacy spans over 70 years in which she has worked with other famous civil rights activists including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., A. Philip Randolph and Whitney Young. In 1957, she became president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), an entity that she has served on since it was established by her mentor and friend, Mary McLeod Bethune, in

1935. Today, it serves the purpose of granting support to troubled black communities on issues like rural poverty, teen pregnancy, education and black family values. Over the years, Dr. Height's hard work has garnered her numerous accolades. Along with Rosa Parks, she holds the Presidential Medal of Freedom award, the nation's highest award for a civilian. She is also a recipient of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Freedom award, the Citizens Medal Award and more than twenty honorary degrees.

On Friday, June 7th, at the Historic 744 Building, friends



Civil Rights Activist Dorothy Height of today and from the '60's.

and families from the Newark section of the National Council of Negro Women held a banquet in tribute to her accomplishments and never-ending support for the African-American community. Donald Tucker, one of the Council

Members, felt that her work was more significant than any of the traditional leaders many are familiar with. "She has done more to help the African-American community than anyone else," Tucker told the attendees. "She was doing things we never knew about until later on in life."

During the ceremony, a video presentation highlighting some of the major events that Dr. Height was involved with aired, such as Dr. King's infamous "I Have a Dream Speech", in which she sat amongst the crowd in front of the Lincoln

Monument in Washington on that historic day, and her involvement with the NCNW. Earlier, Dr. Height was awarded the "key" to the city of Newark.

In addition, she promoted her new memoir, *Open Wide the Freedom Gates*, which gives an account of her life's trials and tribulations and outlines all of the major events occurring during her fight for the "human-rights" cause.

All of this on a memorable evening in which the 91-year-old claimed that the Civil Rights era in the 1960's was a step in the direction toward freedom. She feels, however, that freedom is still a "far cry" from being achieved—and that now is the time to achieve it.

Athletes shine in rainy Paul Robeson Classic

By Michael T. Lyle, Jr.
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Since 1994, the Paul Robeson All-Star High School Football Classic has served as the spectacle for college scouts and rabid fans to get one last look at some of the top high school seniors from five different counties in the northern region.

Two weeks ago, spectators from the Morris, Sussex, Essex, Passaic and Warren counties filled the wet and slippery bleachers at Paul Robeson Stadium in East Orange to witness a total of 88 players from over 47 schools compete for the final time in their interscholastic careers.

Dr. Steve Cowan and Larry Schumacher, Co-founders of the Classic, created the event as a way to pay tribute to one of the most respected, multi-talented African-American figures

of the 19th century—Paul Robeson. Robeson, in addition to his other accolades, was the first student-athlete to earn All-American honors from Rutgers. Schumacher believed that it was not only important to start the program out of respect for his achievements, but for the sake of young black students who are striving to fulfill their future goals as Robeson did.

"What makes this event special is the kids and players that are involved," said Schumacher, who is also the Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs in East Orange. "For that reason, they're going to be successful because they



Gridiron future stars clashed in the Paul Robeson Classic.

know what they have to do to get there."

Schools such as East Orange Campus, Shabazz, Essex Catholic and Irvington had at least three representatives in the 9th annual extravaganza. In the end, the committee voted on six players from each squad to receive Most Valuable Player honors.

One of those MVP's was Shabazz halfback Amir Pinnix, whose two rushing touchdowns helped the East All-Stars post a 30-0 shutout in what was the largest margin of victory in nine years. It was also the eighth time the East squad upended the Westerners.

"I had fun playing and getting the opportunity to meet new people," said Pinnix, who plans on attending the University of Minnesota in the fall. "I also give a lot of credit to the offensive line for helping me out today."

For Pinnix, he and the other 11 MVP's not only took home trophies in honor of their hard

work, but they also took home some cash. The MVP's were each awarded a \$500 scholarship toward the institution of their choice. In addition, portions of the proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics.

"It just gives (the players) a chance to do what they love best," said Carmen Restaino, Director of Administrative Service in East Orange. "We would love to have the majority of them state in-state and play for a local college."

Dr. Cowan, though, at least hopes this program will be instrumental in giving the participants a newer place to study and play come late August.

"It's a great opportunity for them to get a jump start towards where they want to go," said Dr. Cowan. "We have a group of young gentlemen that will go and represent their communities athletically and academically."

AARP New Jersey appoints Alison V. Carter to Grassroots Coordinator Northeast Region

PRINCETON, NJ—AARP New Jersey announces the appointment of Alison V. Carter as Grassroots Coordinator for the Northeast Region. In this new position, Carter will work with AARP members, AARP Chapters and other senior organizations in Union, Essex, Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties. Her key goal will be to organize seniors around AARP's advocacy and community service initiatives.

"We are organizing our 1.3 million members, 113 Chapters and volunteers in New Jersey to more effectively move our priority issues to enhance the experience of aging for all in New Jersey. AARP's power lies in our membership collectively," said Marilyn Askin, AARP New Jersey State President. "AARP members are informed,



they care, they express their opinions and they vote."

Working with AARP staff, Carter will implement grassroots organizing strategies to influence policy makers on the organizations objectives. She

will help recruit volunteers, coordinate lobby activities and work with the media. Reporting to Carter will be a network of county and community coordinators including: Union County Coordinator, Irv Breslow; Essex County, Len DiGiovanni; and Bergen County, Gerald Mohamed. AARP is currently searching for county coordinators in Hudson and Passaic counties. Interested AARP members should contact AARP at (609)-987-0744 for more information.

"As a long time volunteer, I am excited to work in this new capacity. I share AARP's vision to enhance the quality of life for 50 and over Americans by promoting independence, dignity and purpose," said Carter. She is a retired school nurse and a resident of Roselle.

Paige White to attend Junior National Young Leaders Conference

IRVINGTON, NJ—Miss Paige White of Irvington has been selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) from July 12 to July 17, 2003 in Washington, D.C. JrNYLC is a unique leadership development program for middle school students.

Themed The Legacy of American Leadership, the Conference introduces young people to the rich tradition of



leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills. White will participate in educational activities and presentations led by individuals in positions of leadership. Students will also visit historic landmarks, including Colonial Williamsburg, from which our country took shape.

"While most students read about leadership in books, Paige White will complement classroom studies by walking along the same paths and hallways as some of our country's great leaders," said Mike Lasday, Executive Director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors JrNYLC. "The leadership exercises developed by the Junior National Young Leaders Conference will challenge the students to think and act strategically when it comes to teamwork, problem solving and setting goals."

In addition to examining notable U.S. leaders and historic figures, White will study the impact of leadership throughout critical periods of American history, including the Civil War and Reconstruction, World War II, the Great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement. Upon completion of JrNYLC, students will take home a greater understanding of the role of being a leader.

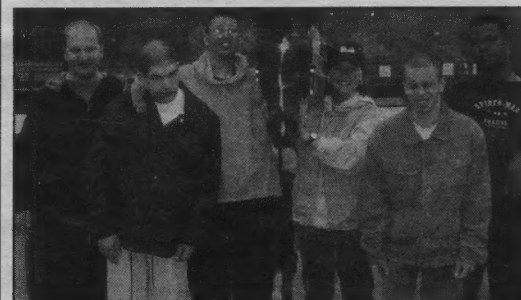
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NHA Senior awards — Newark Housing Authority (NHA) celebrated 68 seniors, who are 90 years old and older and living independently in NHA complexes, for their contributions to the growth of Newark at a luncheon held in their honor recently. NHA officials awarded certificates to the seniors in recognition of their "knowledge, wisdom and experience in making their respective communities a better place to live." Newark Mayor Sharpe James also supported the program and, after providing remarks and presenting certificates to the lively group, took a picture with each honoree. Pictured (1. to r.) are NHA Executive Director Harold Lucas, Willie Miles, 103 years old NHA resident, Newark Mayor Sharpe James and (standing) NHA Director of Family Services, Gloria Currey Williams. Zora Knowlton, one of the 68 seniors acknowledged at the luncheon, shares a moment with Mayor Sharpe James.



Senior Achievement Awards — Amy Hernandez (third from right) of Hoboken and Loubna Boumhait (right) of Jersey City were among the nine New Jersey City University seniors and recent graduates who received "Senior Achievement Awards" from the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association. The NJCU honorees were or are enrolled at the University through the State's Educational Opportunity Fund Program, referred to at NJCU as the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). The honorees were congratulated at a campus reception by (from left) OSP counselors John Smith and Aida Lopez of Jersey City; Jamel Holley of Roselle, a 2002 NJCU alumnus who delivered the charge to the graduates; and Andrew Platitzky of Bayonne, OSP director. OSP is a special admissions and supportive service program for students with substantial financial need who do not meet traditional admission requirements but demonstrate the academic potential and motivation to succeed in college.



"Learn About Horses" — One of the new programs for individuals with disabilities was presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county's Department of Parks and Recreation at the Watchung Stables. Jean Jacobus instructed small groups about the grooming, care and daily routine of horses. Eager participants watched while she demonstrated what horses wear and talk about what they eat and how they take a bath. Enjoying their time with Jacobus and Teddy, a 24-year-old bay gelding quarter horse, are from left to right, Glen Wright, Scott Drotar, Steven Israel, Eddie Crespo and Wendy Gordon of South Plainfield.

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BLACK CHURCH OFFICIALLY JOINS REPARATIONS TEAM

The First A.M.E. Church plaza, the Black Church officially became a lead member of the reparation movement team. Local clergy members convened a special panel to discuss their role in the growing reparations movement. The day-long event, hosted by First A.M.E. Senior Pastor Cecil "Chip" Murray, included guest panelists Minister Tony Muhammad from the Nation of Islam; Bishop Henry Williamson of C. M. E. Church; Rev. William Epps of Second Baptist Church; Rev. Norman Copeland of Ward A.M. E. Church; and Rev. Lorna Cross of First A.M. E. The forum, "Reparations and the Black Faith Community," drew more than 300 people, and left some standing outside trying to look in. The purpose was to discuss the role of the church—if any—and how it will play in the modern reparations movement.

BLACK NETWORK APPLAUDS BUSH ADMINISTRATION

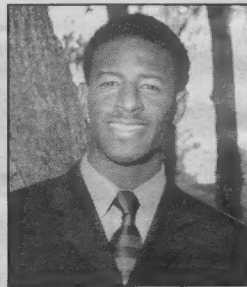
A recent change in federal policy to allow government funds to assist in the restoration of historic churches is applauded by members of the Project 21 African-American leadership network. Project 21 members note that the government's new willingness to work with churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith-based institutions aligns with the Bush

Administration could help restore many key historic sites affiliated with the civil rights movement. Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton announced last month that the "Save America's Treasures" program would provide assistance to renovate and clean the windows of the Old North Church in Boston, Massachusetts—the building Paul Revere used to warn colonists of the arrival of British troops in 1775. The White House has indicated that a future recipient of similar aid may be the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where a Ku Klux Klan bombing killed four black girls in 1963.

Andrew D. Gillum to receive "Emerging Leaders Award"

(TALLAHASSEE, FL)—Tallahassee City Commissioner Andrew D. Gillum will be recognized by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) as the "2003 Emerging Leader." The award will be presented during the Emerging Leaders Gala, which is the highlight of the Emerging Leaders Public Service Seminar Student Leadership Institute.

"Although my focus has always been on educating young people on the political climate around them, then mobilizing them to make a positive difference in their communities, it is always an honor to



be recognized on a level such as the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation," Gillum said. "I accept this award on behalf of the countless number

of young adults who are becoming involved in shaping their futures and the futures of generations to come by standing up and, literally, being counted."

With a passion for public service, Gillum's ability to motivate and mobilize people to action is evidenced by the many causes he has championed during his young life. In February of this year at age 23, Gillum became the youngest city commissioner ever elected in the city's history—winning by a 53-percent margin in a city where only 27 percent of the population is African-American.

In May, Gillum accepted an appointment as the Deputy Political Director for the Florida Democratic Party, headquartered in Tallahassee. Prior to that, he served as a field organizer with People For the American Way Foundation (PFAWF) in Tallahassee, where, in 2002, he organized and led the largest get-out-the-vote campaign—titled "Arrive With 5"—in Florida's history. Gillum also serves on the Board of Directors for the Black Youth Vote Coalition, a program of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation.



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Editorial Wake Up!

Three of the top officials in the Bush administration will get an average of \$213,333 in tax breaks with the tax cuts proposed by the President, weapons of mass destruction have not been found in Iraq yet the administration is now ready to move on Iran, and the President was selected not elected by stealing the vote in his brother's home state of Florida. What is wrong with this collective picture of so-called leadership in this country?

Under the guise of homeland security, our private lives have become open books and what is more frightening is that more and more people are afraid to voice their opinions in opposition to this madness; if they do so, they get labeled as traitors or treasonous.

We know that a great many families, specifically children, are going hungry, being miseducated, and have no health care while we send troops to devastate a country than appropriate billions so that Bush's friend can go in to rebuild Iraqi cities while cities in America are crumbling from political incompetence.

Set in motion during the Reagan years, Bush Administration II is the culmination of rule by force and wealth and often times birthright.

How does this hoax continue to perpetuate itself? I would guess that the now generation is too busy trying to keep jobs, the newly-graduated are busy trying to find jobs—thanks to the Bush economy—and the boomers are dumbfounded that all the hard-fought battles to get ahead, make life better for their families, and give back to the community have all but dissipated.

It would be great to end this diatribe with an upbeat comment. The only thing that comes to mind are those famous words at the end of Spike Lee's movie *School Daze*: "Wake Up! Wake Up!"

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Memo to Sam Waksal: You've Got Jail!

by Lloyd Williams

All prisons are not created equal. Just ask Sam Waksal. Though the former Imclone CEO was recently sentenced to 7 years in prison for the insider trading which netted him millions in ill-gotten gains, he hasn't been asked to surrender yet. And don't expect him to do any hard time, as his attorneys are already negotiating a stay for their client at a "prison" of sorts which is really a resort for the rich.

Regrettably, our hypocritical court system employs a double standard when doling out punishment. If you're wealthy and well-connected, incarceration is likely to be little more than a speed bump in the game of life, a wake up call not to get caught with your hands in the cookie jar again.

So, while Waksal whiles

away the hours in relative luxury at a minimum security facility on the Florida panhandle named

Eglin, the quality of life for most of the two million poor schlubs now sitting behind bars in this country will continue to include the rudeness of homosexual rape, the claustrophobia of being cooped up in a tiny cell, the absence of legal counsel, constant intimidation, frequent fights, a lack of privacy, substandard sanitation, malnutrition, a denial of contact with

nature, more rape and the insanity which flows from all of the above. Is this fair?

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I feel compelled to point out the glaring inequity. Whatever happened to the Constitutional notion of equal protection under the law or the conventional wisdom of letting the punishment fit the crime? Since Waksal stole an amount exponentially way above the average, wouldn't you think that his penalty ought to be that much worse than average? Think again, kimosabe. Instead, he is being allowed to serve out his sentence at a place so cushy that

it's been dubbed "Club Fed" by the 843 inmates housed there.

Providing more of a camp than a jail atmosphere, Eglin is located on a sprawling, rural campus which offers such amenities as extended visitation, cable TV and an array of recreational activities like racquetball and tennis. And believe it or not, the place doesn't even have towers, high concrete walls, armed guards, chain-link fences or barbed wire. I reckon this makes sense, since Eglin already has a very liberal furlough program which allows inmates a long leash with as many as 7 days on the lam at a time.

Call me a jurisprude, but I say something's rotten in the state of Florida. Again.

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Up from Segregation:

Coming Full Circle

The United States Supreme Court soon will deal with whether or not the University of Michigan can use race as a determinant in admissions. I thought the courts already settled this in the 1960s. At least that's the way it seemed to me at the University of Alabama in June 1963 when the Justice Department bypassed Gov. George Wallace's "stand in the schoolhouse door" to desegregate my alma mater. Perhaps things have come full circle.

In the spring of 1967, a few years after the University was desegregated, when the fraternity boys partying in the apartment beneath mine rocked way past the midnight hour, I took to stomping on the floor. Eventually, a pair of quite drunk, sloppily apologetic brothers, accoutered in Confederate army uniforms, negotiated the stairs up to my place. They explained it was "Old South Week," a hallowed tradition in the Kappa Alpha fraternity and they apologized if their "commitment to our past" interfered with my studying.

"But, since Robert E. Lee himself founded Kappa Alpha, any real Southerner would want to celebrate." Didn't I understand? With final exams approaching I needed to salvage what study time I could from the wee hours of Friday morning. Nevertheless, not wanting to seem impolite, I quickly devised a strategy to get rid of my gray-clad guests.

"I was talking to a buddy of mine who's a KA at

Vanderbilt," I fibbed, "and he told me they just pledged a Negro." Looks of drunken astonishment filled their flushed faces. Resembling two shell-shocked survivors of Pickett's Charge, they beat a stumbling retreat downstairs to phone the KA house in Nashville and left me to my studying.

Old South Week notwithstanding,

by 1967, the University of Alabama was well on its way to becoming a racially integrated institution—an island of liberalism in a sea of conservatism. Fast forward to the mid-1990s. Shortly after my son enrolled at one

of Pennsylvania's directional state universities, my family and I attended "Parents' Weekend." In addition to meeting professors and having lunch in the student cafeteria, the package included free football tickets. Accordingly, my son and I went to the student union building to get ours.

While standing in line I noticed a nearby television room. The "NCAA Game of the Week" was on, featuring the Alabama Crimson Tide. I wandered into the room and sat down. Faster than you can say "Roll Tide," my son was at the door, "Dad, I got to talk to you!" "In a minute," I protested, "Bama's about to score."

"No, Dad! I got to speak to you now!"

Given the urgency in his voice, I reluctantly with-

In June 1963, the administration, faculty, students, Forrest Gump and I—with help from Bobby Kennedy and the Justice Department—moved the University of Alabama into the 20th century... In the autumn of 1996, on a campus in Pennsylvania, it seemed as if segregation had come full circle.

Under his breath, with furtive looks to the side as if Big Brother might belisten, he informed me I couldn't watch the game in that room because "it's the African-American TV lounge."

I was astounded, "You mean only black students can watch TV in there?" He assured me that was the case. "Well," I inquired, "where's the white students' TV lounge?" I added that at state colleges and universities segregation had been illegal for nearly a half century.

At that point, a guy with a beard and hair to his shoul-

ders, who I took to be a professor, overheard my protestations. He informed me I was displaying "a great deal of insensitivity" toward university policies on multi-culturalism and diversity. Lest my son end up in a sensitivity re-education class, I mollified the professor with, "Yeah, I think segregation and racism suck."

In June 1963, the administration, faculty, students, Forrest Gump and I—with help from Bobby Kennedy and the Justice Department—moved the University of Alabama into the 20th century, aligning it with the times of equal opportunity and social justice.

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I wondered if the murder of civil rights workers during the Mississippi Summer of 1964, the Selma-to-Montgomery March the following spring and Martin Luther King's message about judging people based on the content of their character rather than skin color meant anything after all. Segregation, it seems, like notions of beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. Once again, it also is in the chambers of the Supreme Court.

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Father's absence increases daughter's risk of teen pregnancy

By Ann Quigley
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Fathers who leave their families may increase their daughters' risk for early sexual activity and teenage pregnancy, suggest the results of long-term studies in the United States and in New Zealand.

The association between father absence and early teenage sexual activity and pregnancy has long been noted, but many researchers have attributed it to factors associated with divorce including poverty, family conflict and erosion of parental monitoring. But the new findings suggest a more direct link between a father's absence and his daughter's early teenage sexual activity and pregnancy.

"These findings may support social policies that encourage fathers to form and remain in families with their children," unless there is violence or a high degree of conflict, says study author Bruce J. Ellis of the Department of Psychology at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Among Western industrialized countries, the United States and New Zealand have the highest and second-highest rates of teenage pregnancy, past research has shown. Teenage childbearing is associated with a host of problems, including lower educational and career achievements, health problems and inadequate social support for parenting.

"Given these costs to adolescents and their children, it is critical to identify life experiences and pathways that place girls at increased risk for early sexual activity and adolescent pregnancy," Ellis says.

Ellis and colleagues analyzed data from two long-term studies that followed the progress of 242 girls in the United States and 520 girls in New Zealand for their entire childhoods, from before kindergarten to approximately age 18. Based on multiple interviews and questionnaires administered over the years to both parents and children, the data covered everything from family demographics to parenting styles and child behavioral problems to childhood academic performance.

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The researchers defined absence of the biological or adoptive birth father at or before the child reached age 5 as early onset of father absence, while late onset of father absence was defined as occurring when the child was between 6 and 13.

The researchers found that father absence places daughters at special risk for early sexual activity and teenage pregnancy. While the researchers said these findings need to be replicated in non-Western, "the striking similarity in results across the United States and New Zealand samples underscores the robustness and general ability of the findings," Ellis says.

Ellis and colleagues noted that girls whose fathers left the family earlier in their lives had the highest rates of both early sexual activity and adolescent pregnancy, followed by those whose fathers left at a later age, followed by girls whose fathers

were present.

"It is not just a matter of whether the father is absent, but the timing of that absence," Ellis says. "This issue may be especially relevant to predicting rates of teenage pregnancy, which were seven to eight times higher among early father-absent girls, but only two to three times higher among later father-absent girls, than among father-present girls."

Even when the researchers took into account other factors that could have contributed to early sexual activity and pregnancy, such as behavioral problems and life adversity, early father-absent girls were still about five times more likely in the United States and three times more likely in New Zealand to experience an adolescent pregnancy than were father-present girls.

The study results are published in the current issue of the journal *Child Development*.

Some with HIV have unprotected sex without disclosure

By Becky Ham
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Thirteen percent of HIV-positive people are having unprotected sex with partners who are HIV-negative or uncertain of their virus status without telling these partners that they have HIV, according to a new study in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

There was no significant difference in the percentage of gay and bisexual men, heterosexual men and women engaging in undisclosed, unprotected sex specifically with an HIV-negative partner. However, gay or bisexual men were more likely to have any instances of undisclosed or unprotected sex, regardless of their partner's HIV status.

"The results of this study indicate that sex without disclosure of HIV status is relatively common among persons living with HIV," say Daniel H. Ciccarone, M.D., M.P.H., of the University of California San Francisco and colleagues.

"The numbers are large enough to suggest that substantial numbers of new HIV infections could occur among partners of HIV-positive persons who do not disclose their status," he adds.

The study surveyed 1,421 adults age 18 and older receiving medical treatment for HIV infection. Participants were asked about partner HIV status,

whether they were in exclusive relationships with those partners, how often they engaged in oral, anal and vaginal sex and whether they disclosed their HIV status to their sexual partners.

Overall, 42 percent of gay or bisexual men, 19 percent of heterosexual men and 17 percent of women say that they had sex without disclosing their HIV status to a partner in the six months previous to the study.

Ciccarone and colleagues say that gay or bisexual men with HIV may be less likely to tell partners about their HIV status because prevalence and awareness of HIV are relatively higher in the gay community, perhaps leading to a situation where HIV-positive men assume their partners are already aware of HIV risks.

The researchers also suggest that the stigma of being HIV-positive has not decreased over the past 20 years of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, which may help explain why so many people do not tell their partners about their HIV status.

"Disclosure is undoubtedly complicated by perceived fears of rejection, discrimination and violence from partners and others," Ciccarone says.

The study was supported by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Health Briefs

C-SECTION BEST FOR BREECH BABIES NOT MOMS

Planned caesarean section may be best for breech babies but this should be weighed against the significant risk to the mother, according to reports made by Dutch researchers last Thursday.

The findings, published in the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, show that vaginal delivery and emergency caesarean section resulted in a sevenfold increase in low Apgar score — a measure of newborn health that takes into account heart rate, respiration and other factors — a threefold increase in birth trauma and a twofold increase in infant deaths compared with planned caesarean section.

STRICT DIABETES CONTROL CUTS RISK OF HEART DISEASE

When it comes to patients with type 1 diabetes, tight control of blood sugar may help stave off heart disease, a new study shows.

Patients who received intensive therapy to keep blood sugar very close to normal levels had less thickening of the arteries than those who had standard therapy, according to the study published last Thursday in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

TYPE-2 DIABETES COMMON IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN

Of the 17 million Americans currently suffering from type-2 diabetes, 7.8 million of them are men. There are four times as many African-Americans diagnosed with diabetes today as there were 30 years ago. Some men with diabetes are unaware that they are at a much higher risk for heart disease and stroke, along with a host of other devastating complications. But there's good news. Men with diabetes can live a longer, healthier life by maintaining low blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose levels.



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A "REAL" American hero!

By Michael T. Lyle, Jr.
City News Editor

On September 1st, 1939, the second World War unfolded when the German army invaded Poland. Other countries, such as Great Britain, France and the U.S., shortly joined in what was a successful effort in overthrowing the regime.

With the drafting process in full swing, the majority of America's military personnel were mostly Caucasian because African-Americans were being selected in very small numbers to represent their homeland.

A very select few, but mainly the members of the 761st Tank Battalion and a young Sergeant from Carteret by the name of Johnnie Stevens. Following in his father's role as a serviceman, Stevens became a member of this first and only all-black fighting force in the war. The history books may not underline it or mention it, but the troop was among the first from the U.S. to liberate the Nazi concentration camps and witness the carnage and destruction suffered by thousands of Jews and German prisoners. In addition, they single-handedly freed numerous European towns from German control.

"It was a combined effort by all of the soldiers because they didn't know much about the camps," said Stevens. "It personally gave me a feeling of awe to help people from such an atrocity."

Stevens was at the forefront of the Battalion, as he was hand picked by General George Patton to represent this decorated group. His leadership, along with his courage and strength garnered Stevens many high honors, such as the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Oak Leaf Cluster, five Battle Stars and a Presidential Citation.

Despite receiving these accolades, Stevens' felt that the support for the war was bitter-sweet once he returned home to a homeland still plagued by racism and discrimination.

"It was a big letdown," said Stevens. "After all of the things I fought for, nothing had really changed."

That wouldn't stop him from trying to bring a major change to his community. In 1954, Stevens worked with Frank Bareford, a white Democrat who ran against Ed Dolan for mayor and control of the Democratic primary in Carteret. Both Stevens and



(R to L) Johnnie Stevens serving with the 761st Tank Battalion in WW II, standing tall as a multi-award veteran, and chatting with Holocaust survivor Max Mlism (center) at the MCEOC banquet last month.

Bareford agreed that should Bareford win the race, the changes Stevens wanted made would be immediately applied.

As Stevens' hoped, Bareford clinched the election and held on to his end of the bargain afterwards.

"There were no blacks in schools or the police system," said Stevens. "But once he won, he asked me what I wanted changed and I told him to get more blacks on the police force."

That moment was one of several accomplishments that have given Stevens the chance to shine in the spotlight. Last month, the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (MCEOC) honored him with a banquet in Carteret that included an appearance from Max Mlism, a

survivor of the Holocaust thanks to Stevens' heroics. To top things, PBS aired a documentary on the history of the Tank Battalion titled, "Come Out Fighting the 761", with an appearance from Stevens and members of the troop.

While he was impressed with the project, Stevens felt the producers should have tried to make the documentary reminiscent of the 1989 Civil War drama, "Glory".

"It was well-done but it

remains a documentary and not a feature film," said Stevens.

"A version like that will give people a better understanding of what our troop was really about."

Stevens has not only served as a hero on the battlefield or on television, but he has become an inspiration in young people's lives. Today, he works closely with the MCEOC Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to

assist inner city youth in a variety of community service projects, such as the Boy Scouts (in which he served as a Scoutmaster of Troop 86) and Pop Warner sports. While he enjoys seeing his youth active in athletics, he wants to help them understand the importance of succeeding in the classrooms versus making athletics a priority.

"Youth sports have become commercialized," said Stevens. "There's so much politics being plagued among them that a lot of work remains to be done."

Which means Stevens has yet another battle to fight, this time, for the future of young children and minorities in Carteret.

"It'll be an uphill struggle, but, as with the past, I'll manage," he said.

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PASSING THE BLUES ALONG

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NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—On Saturday June 21, 2003, Chic Street Man and Mississippi Charles Bevel will take center stage at George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ in **PASSING THE BLUES ALONG** more than a story, more than a song, an evening of innovative "down home" blues harmonies, humor and story-

telling.

Chic Street Man starred in and composed the music for the off-Broadway hit show "Spunk" adapted by George C. Wolfe from three short stories by Zora Neal Hurston. He received a 1992 NAACP Theater Arts Award for his music and performance in "Spunk". Chic has performed in various productions at the New York Shakespeare Festival, The Crossroads Theatre in New Jersey, The Royal Court in London, The Mark Taper in Los Angeles, and Seattle Repertory and The Oregon Shakespeare Festival. A recording artist as well as a musician, singer and songwriter, Chic's latest CD "Lullablues" served as an inspiration for the musical collaboration "Passing the Blues Along."

Mississippi Charles Bevel, a musician, songwriter and actor, first appeared on stage as an actor with the East Cleveland Community Theatre in Cleveland,



Musician - Mississippi Charles Bevel



Rhythm & Blues Diva - Miz B

OH, in 1986. While working at KARAMU—also in Cleveland—Mississippi performed major roles in several award winning productions including August Wilson's Piano Lesson (Doaker) and Sam-Art William's Home (Cephus Miles).

Mississippi earned a TONY Award nomination in 1999 for best book in a musical for the

Broadway production of "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues".

Additionally, he garnered the 2001 Helen Hayes Award nomination for outstanding performance in a supporting role for the Kennedy Center Production of "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues". Mississippi is currently featured in the San Diego Repertory Theatre Company's world premiere of "Fire on the Mountain" a musical journey into the heart of Appalachia by Randal Myler and Dan Wheatman.

Also featured in the New Brunswick engagement is Broadway and Rhythm and Blues Diva MIZ B, known for her outstanding performances in Tyler Perry's gospel production "I Know I've Been Changed", "Ain't Misbehavin'", "Bubblin' Brown Sugar" and "Chitlin Circuit".

Passing the Blues Along, produced by North Brunswick's Sanctuary Theatre Club, continues to

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E Briefs entertainment news

— Kim Bowman

Vandross out of coma



Luther Vandross has regained consciousness in his New York home. According to reports he awoke with his mother by his side. The singer has been in a stroke-induced coma since April.

Master P detained on weapon charges



Master P was arrested and detained last Tuesday at Newark Airport for possessing 6 hollow point bullets. The mogul was heading to L.A. and informed security that he was carrying a legal, unloaded firearm. During an inspection, security found the bullets in a separate clip. He was then arrested and now faces up to 18 months in prison if found guilty.

Slim Shady slams Source Award



Eminem, the headliner for this week's Hot 97 Summer Jam 10 at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, took to the stage in a fit of anger, according to a reliable source. During a break in the performance he reportedly slammed his 2000 Source Award for Lyricist Of The Year to the ground, shattering it. As you may know, he's been in a war of words with Source co-

owner Ray Benzino, who accused Em of taking advantage of and destroying Hip-Hop culture. Eminem and his mentor, Dr. Dre, subsequently pulled all of their ads from the magazine. Em ended his set with a performance of his Ja Rule/Murder Inc. diss "Hail Mary" for which he was joined by 50 Cent and Busta Rhymes.

Serena Slammed!



In a major upset, Serena Williams was defeated by Justine Henin-Hardenne 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 at the French Open semifinals Last Thursday, ending the tennis diva's run for a fifth consecutive major title. Serena admits that she became distraught when the crowd began jeering her. "It's just another fight I'm going to have to learn how to win," she says. "I'm just going to have to keep smiling," reports AP/ESPN.com.

Sylvester Stallone works on Pac & Biggie project



Sylvester Stallone is writing, directing & starring in a movie about the murders of Tupac Shakur, & Biggie Smalls. Stallone will play LAPD detective Russell Poole, who uncovered rampant corruption in the LAPD as well as evidence that the LAPD allegedly had a hand in Biggie's murder. Production starts September 1st.

Winged Migration

Oscar nominated documentary

Review by Kam Williams

If you know anything about bird lovers, then you are well aware of the lengths to which the average, pith-helmet ornithologist in Bermuda-shorts is willing to go to catch a glimpse of that rare species as it passes overhead or pauses for a worm or two while making its seasonal trek.

Well, if you've ever wondered what the fuss was all about, you might want to catch *Winged Migration*, a majestic documentary which pays homage to the beauty and splendor of the avians among us.

The movie was directed by a trio of Frenchmen with a crew of 450 who literally followed flocks of geese, condors, storks, doves, puffsins, cranes and other exotic birds on annual pilgrimages programmed as instinct by DNA. The cinematographers devoted three years to the project, employing 14 cameras and 17 pilots in ultra-light airplanes, gliders, helicopters, boats and balloons. As a result, the filmmakers are able to bring you a lot closer to the action than any pair of binoculars. The upshot is that *Winged Migration* offers the exhilarating sensation of what it must actually feel like to fly.

And as we go, we pick up little tidbits like the fact that the tern logs 12,500 frequent flyer miles each way on its sojourns. But be forewarned, that's about all there is to the movie, except for some jarring, ill-fitting scenes of hunters shooting their prey right out of the sky. Otherwise, director Jacques Perrin's voiceover, infrequent interruptions in a hushed whisper introducing this or that genus, is about all we have for a plot. So, the experience essentially amounts to watching birds fly, whether in stunning natural settings on every continent or streaming and screaming past such man-made wonders as the Great Wall of China or the Eiffel Tower.

A superlative visual study of the descendants of curious creatures who have been defying gravity and doing their thing for over 80 million years.

Excellent (3.5 stars) Rated G



Gospel powerhouse Seth Nix, along with Genuine Praise records first album

PERTH AMBOY, NJ—Brooklyn-born Seth Amon-Ra Nix, 26, a sonorous tenor whose gospel repertoire is a passion for sacred music, personal tragedy and a sold-out-for-Jesus determination recently recorded his first live album at Cathedral International's Church headquarters in Perth Amboy, N.J.

The Evening of Genuine Praise With Seth Nix featured original and rearranged compositions by Nix's choral back up, Genuine Praise. The arrangements meld touches of jazz, contemporary gospel, traditional anthems and hymns, with that latter category occupying a special place in the heart of Nix.

"Hymns have substance," Nix said. "Hymns really tell a story. To me, a lot of music these days don't really paint a picture."

As a full-grown believer in the redemptive, transforming power of the gospel proclaimed in song, Nix is recounting the peaks and valleys that mark his journey thus far. During part of his childhood, Nix watched his mother, Sondra Nix, being ravaged by dual addictions to heroine and crack, and die in 1994, at the age of 36, from AIDS. Aunt Barbara, his "second mother," and Aunt Yvonne, his mother's siblings, followed that same drug-addicted path to their graves.

Seth Nix's album featuring *Genuine Praise* will be out in stores late summer. The recording marks the launch of Joy? Music, a new record label founded by The Cathedral's Pastor, Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.



Gospel artist Seth Nix

Race Code War:

The Power of Words, Images, and Symbols on the Black Psyche

By Khari Enaharo/ Paperback/ \$19.95

Book reveals racial symbols used to identify Blacks

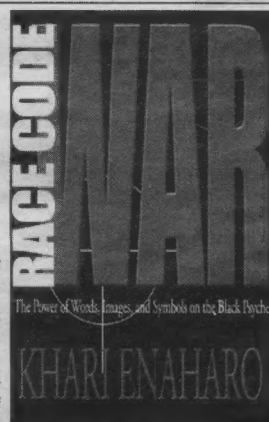
Race Code War by Khari Enaharo is explosive, hard hitting and provocative. Mr. Enaharo reveals how racially and color coded language and symbols are used in the workplace, media, advertising and in millions of everyday conversations. The book takes a fresh look at Trent Lott, Barbershop, Antoine Fisher, BET, NAACP Image Awards, and Cedric the Entertainer, and much more. This powerful book continues the tradition of the Isis Papers and Yurugu.

Race Code War provides insight into the following questions do White people use racial code words to talk about Black people? What are the most frequently used race and color coded words and sym-

bols? Are there hidden racial trigger words in commercial slogans and political speeches? Why do Black male and crime rate have the same meaning? What are the hidden race color coded messages in the movies, and is sex racially and color coded in a bottle?

Mr. Enaharo's theory of racial domination advocates that racial code words, symbols and images are used as a cover to communicate racist or color coded messages while protecting against the charges of racism. Race Code War promotes the theory that racial code wording is the modern way of hiding racism in plain sight.

Mr. Enaharo advocates that the individuals and groups who



believe in White racial domination have evolved a racially coded language as a way to continue to convey racist and color coded messages beneath the racial radar screen without being detected except Trent Lott. Today, racial code words, racial symbols, racial images and color coded messages are so intertwined in modern speech that is almost undetectable that is until now!

Khari Enaharo is a popular talk show host and community activist in Columbus Ohio.

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Interested firms should contact the Authority's Finance Department (732) 571-6632 in order to request the proposal package for this contract.

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BY: Tyrone Garrett, Executive Director

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ONGOING — JULY 30

Cranford — Union College will offer a "Effective Writing" 8-week non-credit course from 6:30 PM to 8:30PM to enhance your writing skill and career marketability. For more info call the College's division of Continuing Education at 908-709-7600.

ONGOING — SEPT 8

Jersey City — Liberty Science Center presents an exhibit of Sue, a Tryannosaurus Rex. For more info call 201-200-1000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Jersey City — New Jersey City University, the City and the Jersey City Board of Education will hold the final community presentation on their proposed Westside Development Project at Grossnickle Hall, room 144. For more info call 201-200-3035.

THURS, JUNE 19 — OCT, 16

Newark — Newark Downtown District will host Common Greens Farmer's Market from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Military Park. For more info call 973-733-9333.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Newark — Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs will host the Second Annual Fishing Derby at 8:00 a.m. at Grover Cleveland Park. For more info call 973-268-3500, Ext. 234 or 256.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Plainfield — Plainfield Board of Education will host a public business meeting at 8:00 p.m. at Plainfield High School Library, 950 Park Ave.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

East Orange — The Historical Society of East Orange, Inc. will sponsor its fifth annual tour of East Orange's many places of worship at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are available at City Hall by contacting Ms. Goldite T. Burbage. Evette Jennings, Evanbow Construction at 973-674-1250.

Newark — Newark Public Library will host Poet On from 11:00 a.m.

- 1:00 p.m., 5 Washington St. For more info call 973-705-8253.

Newark — Newark Public Library presents Juneteenth Poetry & Music with Sekou Sundiata at the library. For more info call 973-705-8253.

Newark — NJ Historical Society will host Walking Tour of Newark from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 52 Park Place. For more info call 973-596-8500

JUNE 29, 30, JULY 1

Newark — Newark Bears will host the Penn Road Warriors for a home game at Riverfront Stadium. For more info call 973-483-6900.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Cranford — Union County College located at 1033 Springfield Ave. will offer a Microsoft Excel XP workshop. For more info call 908-709-7600.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Newark — NJ Historical Society will host a Genealogy Workshop from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., 52 Park Place. For more info call 973-596-8500.

MONDAY, JULY 14 — JULY 18

Newark — Scarlet Raiders Boys summer basketball camp ages 7 to 18 at Rutgers Golden Dome Athletic Center begins in July. First session is from July 14 -18 and the second session is August 4 - 8. For more info call Joe Loughran of Scarlet Raiders at 973-353-5474 ext. 223.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

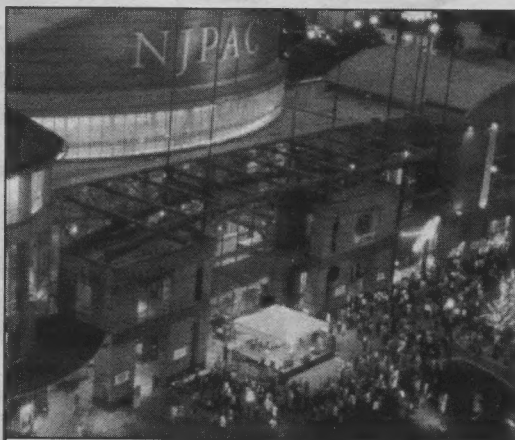
Newark — Newark Public Library will host Jersey Bounce from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 5 Washington St. For more info call 973-705-8253.

Heartbeat

ONGOING

St. Barnabas Health Care System will offer several maternity and parent education classes at Newark Beth Israel, Clara Maass and St. Barnabas. For more info please call each hospital directly for class schedules, dates, costs and to register. Clara Maass-Women's Health Center at 973-450-2890; Newark Beth Israel-Parent Education at 973-926-2642 and St. Barnabas - Women's Health Department at 973-322-5360.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free program, "Look Good, Feel Good" for women dealing with the effects of Cancer treatment and need assistance



NJPAC presents once again Absolut Sounds of the City every Thursday evening's in NJPAC's Theater Square. For more info call 1-888-466-5722.

with their make-up and hair styling. For more info call 973-926-7609.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Newark — Department of Dermatology at UMDNJ will conduct a free skin cancer screening and offer visitors free educational information about AKs from 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Dept. of Dermatology, Doctor's Office Center, Su. 3200. For more info call 973-676-1000

Business

ONGOING

Newark — The Women's Center of Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars, support groups during Spring 2003 Semester. For more info call 973-877-3395.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Springfield — Mywayhome and American United Mortgage Corporation will co-sponsored a homeowner seminar from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info contact Mywayhome at 888-422-6992 or visit www.homeowner-shipnow.com

Artz

ONGOING

Newark — Maize Restaurant presents Sweet and Low Thursdays featuring vocalist Denise Hamilton from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. For more info call 973-639-1200.

ONGOING— JUNE 27

Newark — Newark Museum presents Image Maker to the stars - Focus on Photography Ball with works of celebrity photographer Timothy White. For more info call 973-596-6550.

ONGOING — JUNE 28

New York — George Wein & Festival Productions presents the JVC Jazz Festival at various venues in New York City. For more info call 212-501-1390 or visit <http://www.festivalproductions.net>.

ONGOING— JUNE 29

Montclair — Luna Stage presents "Sandpilot" The premiere of a powerful new drama by Ron McLarty, directed by Victoria Pero and starring Cary Barker and Richard Edward Lang. For more info call 973-744-3309. Luna's Stage, 695 Bloomfield Ave.

THURS, JUNE 19 & FRI, JUNE 20

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents The Neville Brothers in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Newark — NJ Historical Society will host Keep the Sun Out Family Program from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., 52 Park Place. For more info call 973-596-8500.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Newark — NJ Symphony Orchestra will host Community Partners Concert at 7:30 p.m. at NJPAC. For more info call 1-800-255-3476.

New York — B.B. King's presents rap duo Mobb Deep with special guest C-Rayz Walz and Anya. \$25 Doors at 9:30 Show at 10:30pm. For more info call 212-997-4555 or Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 — AUGUST 31

Newark — The Newark Museum presents the film, Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks, a leg-

endary American Artist. For more info call 973-596-6550.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Newark — NJ Symphony Orchestra will host NJSO Summer Parks Concert 2003 at Branch Brook Park at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 1-800-255-3476.

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall will host Talent Night at Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St. at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-242-8858.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Newark — Artist Gordon Parks will be the honored guest at the Newark Black Film Festival's screening of the documentary about his life, entitled Half Past Autumn: The Works & Life of Gordon Parks. For more info call 973-596-6550.

Newark — Aljira Host Dancing in the Park from Wed-Fri, 12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. and Sat, 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Aljira, 591 Broad Street. For more info call 973-622-1600.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

New York — B.B. King's presents Maxi Priest in concert at 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. \$25 adv \$30 DOS. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171 or 212-997-4555.

Religion

ONGOING

Newark — Greater Service Fellowship Church invites you to Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, come get the answers. For more info call 973-848-1711.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Plainfield — The Calvary Baptist Church will host it's 2003 Women's Day Celebration at 11:00 a.m., 324 Monroe Ave. Sunday Worship service speaker will be Rev. Cathy Johnson of Triumph Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA. For more info call 908-561-5187.

Mail or email your calendar events and photographs at least two weeks in advance to:

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